

Who is your WIC Peer Counselor?

A peer counselor is a WIC mother just like you. She lives in your community and has breastfed her own baby. She has been carefully selected by WIC to help give new mothers information about feeding their babies. She is here to give you support to meet your own goals for feeding your baby.

What does a Peer Counselor do?

- Listens to you!
- Contacts you during your pregnancy to answer your infant feeding questions and helps you prepare for having a new baby.
- Answers any questions or concerns you might have after your baby is born.
- Shows you how to get more help from other healthcare professionals, if needed.

For more information contact the
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Meet Your WIC Breastfeeding
Peer Counselors





Hello, my name is Amber and I live in Johnson Creek with my husband and two children, both whom I breastfed for over a year and a half. Breastfeeding has a long list of benefits for both baby and you! I am very excited to have the opportunity to educate and encourage moms who are breastfeeding. I am here for you and would like to help support you in your decision to breastfeed your child.



Hello, my name is Laryssa. My family and I live in Jefferson. I breastfed my three children, and I would like to use this experience to provide basic information and support to the mothers who want to start or continue breastfeeding their babies. Breastfeeding has a number of advantages for both the infant and also the mother. I hope to help and encourage you to have a successful experience in breastfeeding. Breastfeeding is the most precious gift that a mother can give to her baby.

Congratulations! Expecting a baby or the birth of a baby is an exciting time.

We are the Breastfeeding Peer Counselors for the Jefferson County WIC Program. We are also mothers who made the choice to breastfeed and would love to help and encourage you to get your baby off to the best possible start with breastfeeding.

The arrival of a new baby is a busy and exciting time. Having a breastfeeding plan in place before the baby arrives will help both you and baby enjoy the experience. One of us will contact you at least once before your delivery to answer any last minute questions and address any concerns you may have. We will also be there for you as often as needed once the baby is born. The first week can be the most trying for nursing, so we encourage you to reach out at the first sign of a problem. Remember that baby's incorrect latch is one of the main causes of soreness but is easily corrected!

We are available **at any time**, even weekends, on our cell phones. Please leave a message on our private voicemail and we will return your call ASAP. We would also be happy to make home or hospital visits.

Looking forward to talking with you soon,

Amber and Laryssa

Some breastfeeding benefits to consider:

- Mom will lose weight faster because it takes about 500 calories a day to breastfeed.
- Breast milk is free and always at the right temperature for baby.
- Breast-fed babies are easy to take places, no packing bottles and formula.
- Breast milk contains antibodies that protect your baby from a wide range of illnesses.
- Breast milk is easily digested which means fewer tummy aches, diarrhea and constipation.

